

is the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare a General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

A General Management Plan sets forth the basic management philosophy for a unit of the National Park System and provides the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives for that unit. In the GMP/EIS and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives to address distinct management strategies for the park, including resource protection and visitor use. The plan will guide the management of natural and cultural resources and visitor use of those resources for the next 15 years. Development concept plans for selected facilities may be included with the GMP.

Scoping is the term given to the process by which the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS is identified. Representatives of Federal, State and local agencies, American Indian tribes, private organizations and individuals from the general public who may be interested in or affected by the proposed GMP/EIS are invited to participate in the scoping process by responding to this Notice with written comments. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including any names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

Among the major issues likely to be addressed in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site GMP/EIS are: (1) Interpretation and resource management, including the NPS role in

relation to Vancouver National Historic Reserve; (2) partnership opportunities with the McLoughlin House National Historic Site; (3) cultural resources research and protection; (4) accessibility and availability of park collections; (5) park maintenance and sustainability; and (6) park administration. A full range of alternatives, including "no action", will be considered in the GMP/EIS to address these and other issues that may emerge during the planning process.

The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be available for public review by the fall of 2000, with the final version of the GMP/EIS and the Record of Decision to be completed by summer 2001.

Because the responsibility for approving the GMP/EIS has been delegated to the National Park Service, the EIS is a "delegated" EIS. The responsible official is John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2000, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA, and Thursday, January 13, 2000, 2-4:30 p.m., at the McLoughlin House National Historic Site, 719 Center Street, Oregon City, OR. Written comments on the scope of the issue and alternatives to be analyzed in the GMP/EIS should be received no later than March 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the GMP/EIS should be sent to Superintendent, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 612 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, WA 98661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, at the above address, or phone (360) 696-7655, ext. 13.

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Rory D. Westberg,

Superintendent, Columbia Cascades Support Office, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, February 10, 2000. The meeting will convene at 4:00 pm at the New England Aquarium, in the

Conference Center, Long Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Public Law 104-333. The 28 members represent business, educational, cultural, and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding Boston Harbor; and Native American interests. The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of a management plan and the operation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of minutes from December 9, 1999.
2. Review status and progress of Spectacle Island: sustainability issues.
3. Report from nomination committee: status of interest groups nomination.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Council meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Council or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA, 408 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02110, telephone (617) 223-8667.

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George E. Price, Jr.,

Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.

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National Park Service

Mojave National Preserve Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Mojave National Preserve Advisory Commission will be held January 24 and 25, 2000, assemble at 1:00 p.m. at the Primm Valley Hotel Conference Room, Primm, Nevada.

The agenda: Revisions to the General Management Plan and Value Analysis for Kelso.

The Advisory Commission was established by Public Law 103-433 to provide for the advice on development and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Members of the Commission are: Micheal Attaway, Irene Ausmus, Rob